REMARKS

Prior to prosecution on the merits, Applicants are providing a conformed specification pursuant to Rule 52(B)(6). In addition, the specification has been amended to comply with the requirements of U.S. practice e.g., to provide proper subheadings arranged in the order set forth in Rule 77. The information regarding priority set forth on page 1 was already provided in the Application Data Sheet filed along the application on June 8, 2005. Thus, its inclusion in the specification is believed to be proper from the standpoint of Rule 78(a)(ii)(2).

Claims 1-23 have been amended for the purpose of complying with the requirements of U.S. practice, and thus facilitating initial examination of this application. Newly added claims 24-41 contain recitations deleted from claims 9-12 and 14-23. Recitations of new claims 24-41 find support throughout the specification.

No new matter is included in these amendments. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections that he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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